

AL-IV-A-111  
Canada Hose Company  
400-402 North Mechanic Street  
Cumberland, Maryland  
1845

This is the oldest of a number of old firehouses built in Cumberland during the nineteenth century. In 1837 and 1839 the city gave the volunteer organization a fire engine, "four ladders, three hooks, four axes, and thirty dollars towards erecting a house." The house was completed in 1845. As a group firehouses are the most interesting buildings in Cumberland. The Canada Hose Company with large double doors, and large arched windows stands out as a symbol of the public spirit of earlier citizens of Cumberland.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL SYSTEM OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1. NAME

HISTORIC

Canada Hose Company

AND/OR COMMON

Cumberland Hose Company Number One

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

400-402 North Mechanic Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CODE

24

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

COUNTY

Allegany

CODE

001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

☐ PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ INTEREST

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

☐ ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☒ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Cumberland, c/o The Hon. Frank Nethken, Mayor

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21502

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
GOOD  
☒ FAIR

DETERIORATED  
RUINS  
UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
MOVED DATE

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Canada Hose Company is located at 400-402 North Mechanic Street, on the north bank of the Potomac River, in Cumberland, Maryland. It is a two-story, three-bay structure of brick laid in common bond except on the north (front) facade, which is all stretcher bond. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles; the eaves are decorated with brackets.

The north facade has a doorway in the central bay flanked by two 4/4, double-hung sash windows on the first floor and three round-arched 4/4 sash windows on the second floor. The door is modern and the transom above it boarded up. The first floor openings all have wood lintels, while the second floor windows have semicircular brick arches. All windows on this facade have wooden sills.

The east end has two sets of double doors on the first floor and a large, round-arched window on the second. The doors used for the fire engines are made of diagonal boards braced by chamfered vertical and cross members. Large iron strap hinges 32 inches long hold the doors in place. The long wooden lintel above the opening has letters reading "Cumberland Hose Co. No. 1". The window above is divided into four parts: in the semicircle at the top are two quarter circles of two fixed lights each; below this are two tall, narrow fixed sash of four lights each. The wide molding around the window has a small molding at the bottom of the semicircle, giving the feeling of pilasters. The window has a stone sill.

The west end has a double-door entrance that is presently covered with asbestos cement boards. On the second floor of this facade is a double window consisting of two tall, narrow, round-arched windows joined together. The plain wood trim around the windows also has moldings giving the appearance of pilasters. The sash are double-hung with 6/4 lights.

The south facade is a solid brick wall with an addition on its west half. The addition is a two-story, shed-roofed frame structure encased in asbestos cement boards. It has three one-light windows with fixed sash. A four-panel door with two-light transom provides access to the section.

The wood lintels over the fire engine doors, the openings on the south facade, and the stone lintel over the sealed doors on the west are all connected by a brick belt course that runs around the east, north, and west facades. The belt course has returns on the south facade. The building has two interior brick chimneys and a vent pipe on the roof. A star bolt at the end of a tie rod is visible on the south facade at the east end.

The first floor of the building is a garage with doors on either end. The double doors on the west end have been partially enclosed. Damage to the walls of the first floor is a result of the 1936 flood of the adjacent Potomac River. The stair to the second floor is located in the addition on the south side of the building. The stair is partially enclosed with two flights, one landing, a plain string, and a plain, heavy wooden rail. On the second floor the walls are finished with a high baseboard, chairrail, and wainscoting. The second floor east window has been blocked, but the wooden surround, resembling pilasters on either side, remains intact. A small office on the second floor of the addition contains many old photographs of the building and charters and certificates relating to the company.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	ARCHAEOLOGY PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION	
1400-1499	ARCHAEOLOGY HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE	
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER	
X 1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) Fire fighting	
		INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1833 a fire in the city of Cumberland destroyed seventy-five buildings in the heart of the downtown area.<sup>1</sup> Three years before, the Cumberland Fire Engine Company, known as the Canada Company,<sup>2</sup> had been formed but apparently it had little fire fighting equipment.<sup>3</sup> Four years after the 1833 fire the city purchased a "Coosneck" fire engine that was given to the Canada Company along with "four ladders, three hooks, four axes, and thirty dollars towards erecting a house in 1839."<sup>4</sup>

Members of the company had been meeting in a box shed of the Whither's Tannery on Mechanic Street where the new engine was kept. The company was incorporated in 1840 and five years later moved into its new firehouse on Mechanic Street at Blue Spring.<sup>5</sup>

In 1850 a new engine from Button and Company of Waterford, New York was purchased by the town corporation for the Canada Company. This engine, officially called the "Cumberland" but familiarly known as the "Dutch Chest," was later augmented by another engine from the same firm that was purchased by members of the company in 1852. There were 100 members in 1882.<sup>6</sup>

This is the oldest of a number of firehouses in Cumberland built during the 19th century. As a group, these buildings are among the most interesting in Cumberland. The large, double wooden doors are a common feature of these structures, but the large arched windows on the second floor of this building are unique. The brick driveway and sidewalk around the structure enhance its appearance.

The Canada Hose Company building is an outstanding example of 19th century utilitarian civic architecture. A reminder of the public spirit of the earlier citizens of Cumberland, it continues its usefulness as an auxiliary police station.

<sup>1</sup>Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976), p. 150.

<sup>2</sup>The section of Cumberland where this building is located was known as Canada because the Canada Viaduct passed through it.

<sup>3</sup>John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Company), p. 1379.

<sup>4</sup>James W. Jhomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County, Maryland (Philadelphia: L.R. Tittsworth and Company, 1923), p. 367.

<sup>5</sup>John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Company), p. 1379.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

AL-IV-A-III

# GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 81' x 28'

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 69 14 30 41 72  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
 C 1 1 1 1 1 1

B 1 1 1 1 1 1  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
 D 1 1 1 1 1 1

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A rectangular shaped lot measuring 81' x 28'. 81' along North Mechanic Street.  
 Deed Reference: Liber K, Folio 226, Allegany County Courthouse, 30 Washington Street,  
 Cumberland, Maryland.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1km

William Pratt and Dave Dorsey  
 ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey  
 STREET & NUMBER

November 29, 1977

TELEPHONE

County Office Building, Pershing Street  
 CITY OR TOWN

(301) 777-5967

STATE

Cumberland

Maryland

## STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL XX

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*J. Little*

8-10-79

TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

William H. Brockway  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 9.21.79

ATTEST: Emma Joe Sage  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 9-21-79



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY--NOMINATION FORM

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Canada Hose Company  
Allegany County

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Canada Hose Company

AND/OR COMMON

Cumberland Hose Company #1

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

400-402 North Mechanic Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
—STRUCTURE  
—SITE  
—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
—PRIVATE  
—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS  
—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
—UNOCCUPIED  
—WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
—YES: UNRESTRICTED  
—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM  
—COMMERCIAL —PARK  
—EDUCATIONAL —PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
—ENTERTAINMENT —RELIGIOUS  
☒ GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC  
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION  
—MILITARY —OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

City of Cumberland

Telephone #: 722-2000

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historic Trust Inventory

DATE

AL-95

—FEDERAL ☒ STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

AL-IV-A-111

## CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
—GOOD  
☒ FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
—MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Canada Hose Company is located on North Mechanic Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

A two story, shed, tin roofed, wooden frame encased with asbestos cement boards addition is located on the southern facade. The addition has three, one light windows, all fixed. One is recessed with plain wooden frame. The other two have wooden slipsills. Entrance here has one door which is four paneled, vertical boards with two lights.

The main building basically consists of a two story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped structure. Wall construction is brick, laid in american common bond using random variations but featuring stretcher bond on northern facade. Wall features include a star-shaped tie rod anchor on northern facade. Another is a brick belt course on the north, east and west facade with returns on south. On the east, the wooden lintel above doors, on the north, the wooden lintels above the first floor door, and windows, and a stone lintel over the consealed doors on west, are all incorporated into this belt course to make it continuous on three sides. Windows feature the use of pegs in their construction. The building is supported by a low, brick foundation. No apparent water table. The roof is gable flank and covered wiht asphalt, replaced. Eaves of the roof exhibit box cornice with wide soffit, bed moulding and decorative brackets that are continuous around building. There are two brick chimneys, both original and located interior. One vent pipe is also located on the roof.

Both the doors and window on eastern facade are among the highlights of this building. The two sets of large wooden double doors were used for fire engines. They are composed of diagonal wooden slats braced by chamfered vertical and diagonal "X" shaped cross braces. Large iron strap hinges of thirty-two inch lengths are also featured on the doors. Wooden letters on the wooden lintel above doors read "Cumberland Hose Co. No 1." On the second floor is a hugh, semicircular arched, recessed window with mullion, of one, four light panes each side, fixed. Atop a beam crossing the mullion are two quarter round windows of two lights with mullion. Window is surrounded by plain wooden trim with some moulding in places giving the appearance of pilasters. A stone slipsill is located at base of window.

Entrance on northern facade has one recessed wooden door with three lights and a transom which is boarded up. First floor has two, double hung, two wooden sash, four-over-four light windows with wooden lugsills and shuter hinges. Second floor has three, double hung, two wooden sash, semicircular arched windows of four-over-four light with wooden lugsills and semicircular brick arches.

The entrance with wooden double doors on western facade is completely covered over by asbestos cement boards. Featured on the second floor of

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Firestation

SPECIFIC DATES

1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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This is the oldest of a number of firehouses in Cumberland built during the nineteenth century. As a group, these buildings are among the most interesting buildings in Cumberland. The large, double wooden doors are a common feature of these buildings. Above these doors are wooden letters identifying the structure as "Cumberland Hose Co. No.1." The large arched windows on the second floor of this building are particularly unique. The brick driveway and sidewalk around the structure enhances its appearance.

The Canada Hose Company building is an outstanding example of nineteenth century utilitarian civic architecture. It is a continuing reminder of the public spirit of the earlier citizens of Cumberland and continues its usefulness as an auxiliary police station.

1. Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegheny County-A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 150

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

81' x 28'

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

William Pratt and Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/29/77

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

Description continued for Canada Hose Company AL-IV-A-III

this facade is a recessed double semicircular arched window with mullion. Window is surrounded by plain wooden trim with some moulding in places giving the appearance of pilasters. Windows are double hung, two wooden sash, six-over-four light on each side with a decorated wooden lugsill at the base.

Southern facade is a solid, brick wall, no windows with addition located on its southwest corner.

Foot Notes continued for Canada Hose Company AL-IV-A-111

3. James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County, Maryland (Philadelphia: L.R. Tittsworth and Company, 1923) p. 367.
4. John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Company) p. 1379.
5. Ibid.

WINDOWS

Northern Facade -

First Floor - Two, double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash windows, shutter hinges, wooden lugsills.

Second Floor - Three, double hung semicircular arched windows of 4/4 light, two wooden sash, wooden lugsills and semicircular brick arches.

Eastern Facade -

Second Floor - Huge semicircular arched, recessed window with mullion of one four light pane each side, fixed. Atop a beam crossing the mullion, two quarter round windows of two lights with mullion. Window surrounded by plain wooden trim with some moulding in places giving appearance of pilasters. Stone slipsill.

Western Facade -

Second Floor - Double semicircular arched window with mullion, recessed. Plain wooden trim with some moulding giving the appearance of pilasters. Double hung, 6/4 light, two wooden sash on each side. Decorated wooden lugsill.

Southern Facade - NONE. (Solid wall)



INVENTORY NO: AL-IV-A-111DATE: 9/12/77K/22681' x 28'REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Canada Hose CompanyLOCATION OF PROPERTY: 402 North Mechanic StreetDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East 120°NAME OF OWNER: City of Cumberland

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(X) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

Two story on southern facade - wooden frame encased with asbestos cement boards. tin shed roof. First Floor - One door, four paneled, two lights, vertical boards. Second Floor - 3/1 light window fixed. One recessed with DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) plain wooden frame. Other two have wooden slipsills.

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

Stretcher bond on north

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
(X) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. Random  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) OTHER: Coverings

Brick and wood on east and north, stone and brick on west.

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Star shaped tie rod anchor on north.FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, StoneWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
(See other sheet) pegged(X) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Eastern facade, for fire engines, two sets of large wooden,  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(X) double doors of diagonal wooden slats  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN braced by chamfered vertical and  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards diagonal "X" shaped cross braces.Box (decorative brackets) Wide Special feature is large iron strap  
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) hinges of thirty-two inch lengths.  
original(X) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(2) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) One vent pipe  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(X)  
BrickImpro- ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular Wooden lintels above  
ber repairing and repainting methods have large doors on East, stone lintel over doors on west.COMMENTS: damaged the brick work. Italianate Style Wooden letters over east say "Cumberland Hose Co. No 1"USE: Auxiliary Police Station wooden lintels over first floor doors and windows  
SIGNIFICANCE: Fire Station/Arch. blend in with brick belt course on East and North  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1845 facade, stone lintel and brick on west. Return ends  
CONDITION: Fair on south.

(Over see notes)

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

Door on northern facade is recessed, wooden, three lights, boarded up transom,  
and wooden lintel. Another set of double doors is covered over on western  
facade. (May be different) An examination of early photographs indicates that the  
building has undergone few exterior changes. Double entrance doors and lettering  
are among these changes. Lot given to city in 1819. County Land Records deed Liber 104  
Folio 733 mentions frame addition. Predates 1909

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1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN <u>Cumberland</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>Mechanic St. (etc.)</u>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER <u>Canada Hose Co.</u> PRESENT USE <u>Meeting house</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>AL-<del>ES</del> 95</u>  2. NAME <u>CANADA HOSE COMPANY--1</u>  DATE OR PERIOD <u>1845</u> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION 1830--Dec.10--Cumberland Fire Engine Company, organized at Newman's Hotel, known as Canada Company. 1837--Fire Engine known as Gooseneck purchased. Given to Canada to Hose Company by authorities along with 4 ladders, 3 hooks, 1839 4 axes and \$30 toward erecting a fire-house. Cumberland Hose Company organized; meetings held in Wither's Tannery on Mechanic Street where the engine was kept. 1845--Engine House erected on Mechanic Street at Blue Spring. 1838--Dec.15--MOUNTAINEER HOSE COMPANY had organized. 1850--Fire Engine called "The Cumberland" (nicknamed the Dutch Chest) was purchased. 1851--Nov. 2--Firemen's Parade. Among companies were: Mountaineer Co., Pioneer Co., Vigilant Co. 1852--Fire Engine purchased by active membership of Fire Companies, it's membership being 100 men. 1853--July 9--Land for Fire Engine House--corner Liberty Street, and Hoffman's Alley--99 year lease to Mayor & City Council. Liber 10, Folio 27 1854--Lease (99 yr) of land southeast corner Frederick and Centre Street from John H. Young to Mayor & City Council Liber 11, Folio 9 1871--Mountaineer Company disbanded; some joined Pioneer Company. 1873--Aug. 26--Land known as Mountaineer Engine House property sold at Public Sale (same land--July 9, 1852 deal). Vigilant Hose Company organized at Washington Hall. Sixty active members with eleven contributing members. Incorporated in 1874. Engine house erected on Smallwood Street near Washington Street proved inconvenient. ....over..		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE   OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>yes</u>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <u>Endangered</u> <u>Interior</u> <u>Good</u> <u>Exterior</u> <u>V. Good</u>		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Hazel Groves Hansrote, Chairman</u> <u>Maryland Historical Trust</u> <u>Sec. Preservation Society</u> <u>Allegany County, Md.</u> <u>Oct. 11, 1970</u> DATE OF RECORD	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <u>Courthouse research--Helen Hinkle</u> <u>Scharf History, Lowdermilk and</u> <u>Thomas History research--</u> <u>Hinkle and Hansrote.</u> <u>Newspaper clippings (undated)</u>			

- 1873--PIONEER HOSE CO. with Steam Engine located Henry, Centre and Frederick Streets.
- 1877--Hose Co. No.5 Arch Street, South Cumberland formed. 200 active members.
- 1878--Fire-house erected on Oldtown Road, northside of Railroad--short distance from old building. Their engine was "Old Cumberland, the old Dutch Chest".....Scherf History.
- 1904--Deed to straighten out property lines due to crooked Mill Race mentions "Northerly wall of Pioneer Fire Company to Bell Tower".
- 1906--Mar.26--Firemen paid for full time service. Central Fire Company began.  
South End Station on Browning Street opened.
- 1907--Vigilant Fire Stion moved from Smallwood Street to Spruce Alley between Cumberland and Fayette Streets.
- 1916--First Motorized equipment purchased. Horse-drawn vehicles gradually withdrawn.
- 1924--East-side Fire Station established.
- 1927--Vigilant Fire Station moved from Spruce Alley to Greene St.

South End Fire Station established at Race and Third Streets.

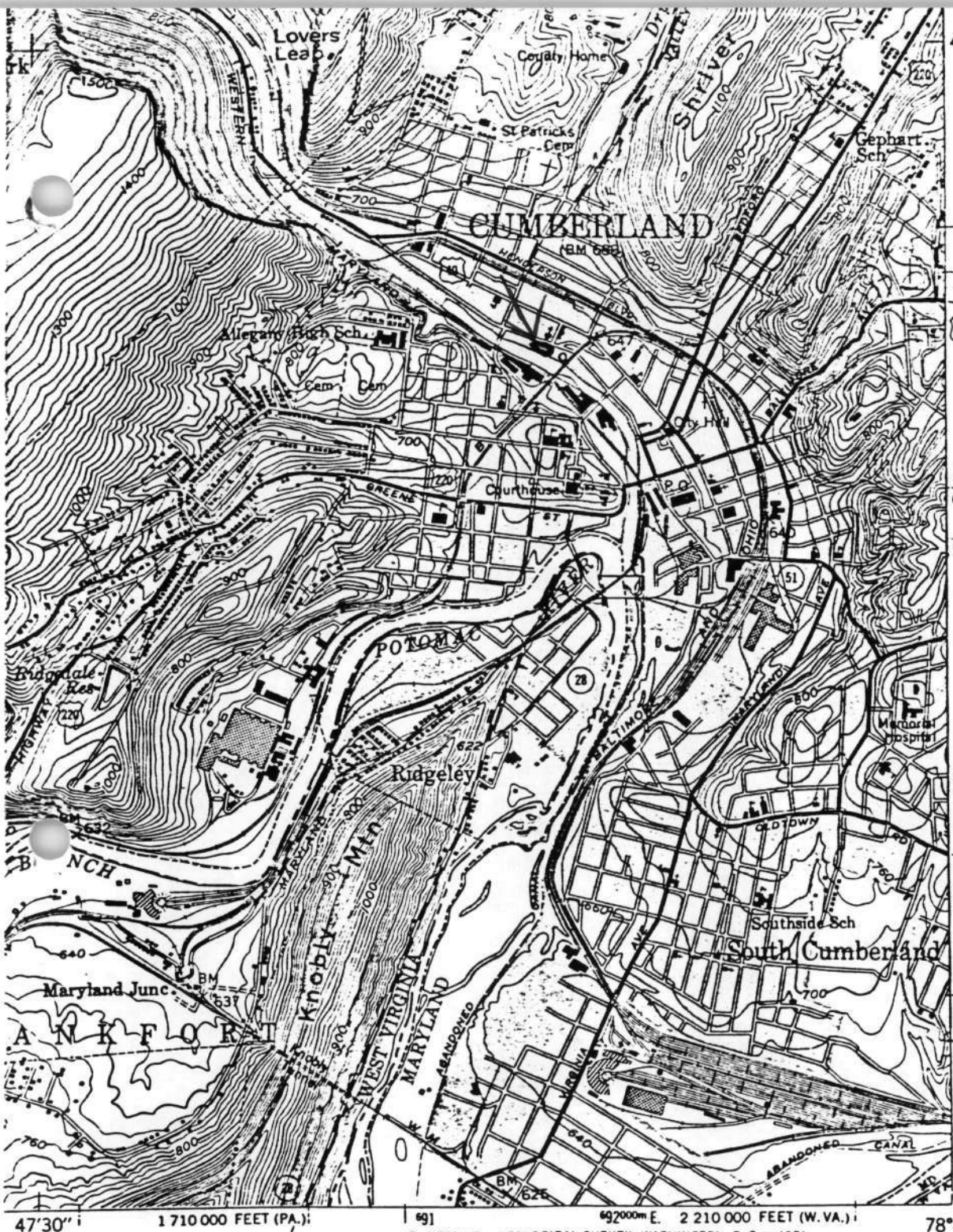
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Central Fire Station on Town Square slated to be torn down by Urban Renewal--1970.









*Canada  
Hose Comp  
AK 95*

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FLINTSTONE 12 MI.  
HANCOCK 37 MI.

420 000 FEET  
(W.VA.)

4391

439 000m N.

SPRING GAP 6.5 MI.  
OLDTOWN 14 MI.

110 000 FEET  
(PA.)

39°37'30"  
78°45'

47°30" 1 710 000 FEET (PA.): 69] 69°20'00" E. 2 210 000 FEET (W.VA.): 78°45'

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MILE

SHORT GAP 6.2 MI.  
FORT ASHBY 11 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- |             |       |                 |       |
|-------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Heavy-duty  | ————— | Light-duty      | ————— |
| Medium-duty | ————— | Unimproved dirt | ----- |
| U. S. Route |       | State Route     |       |



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

CUMBERLAND, MD.-PA.-W.V.A.

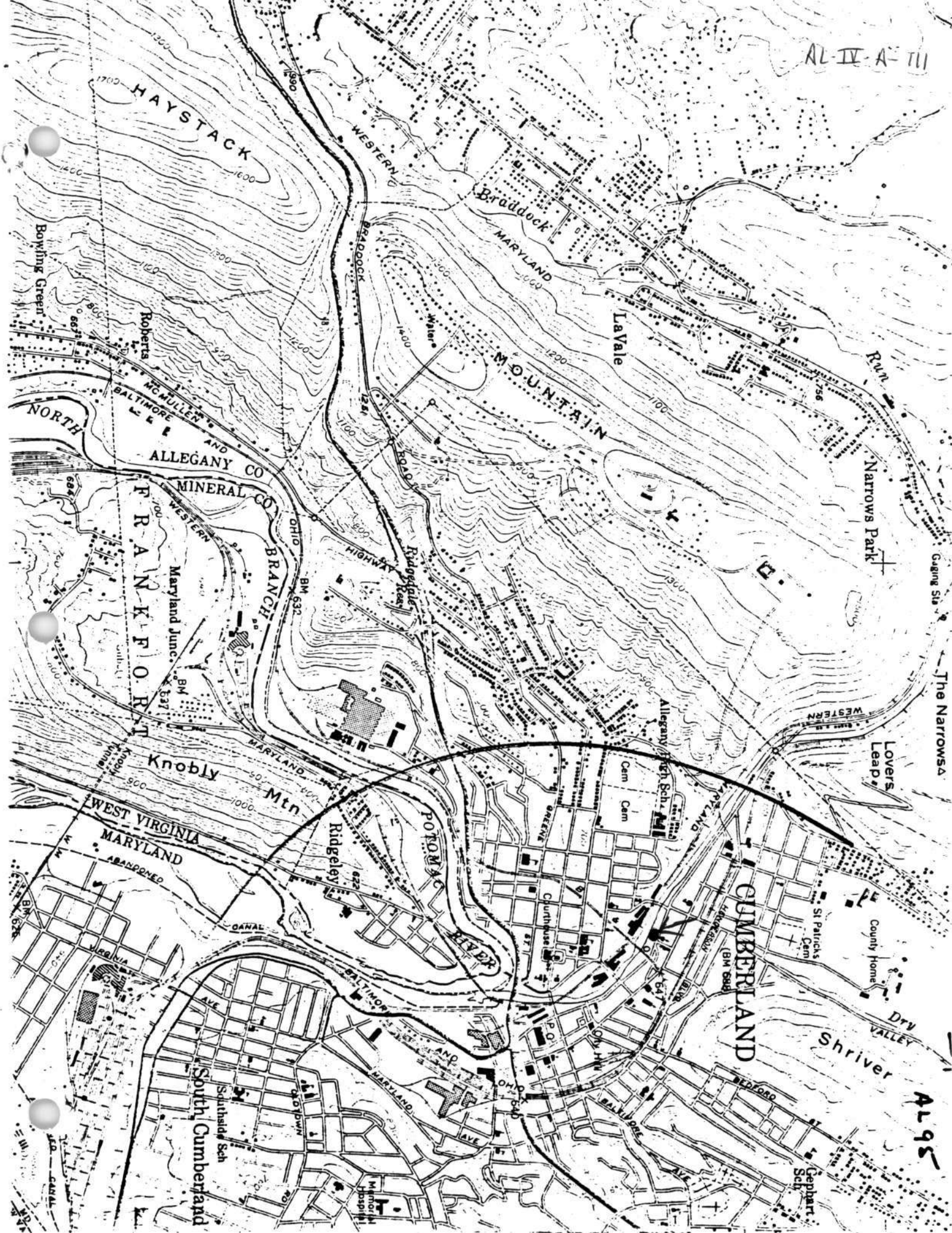
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(PATTERSON CREEK)  
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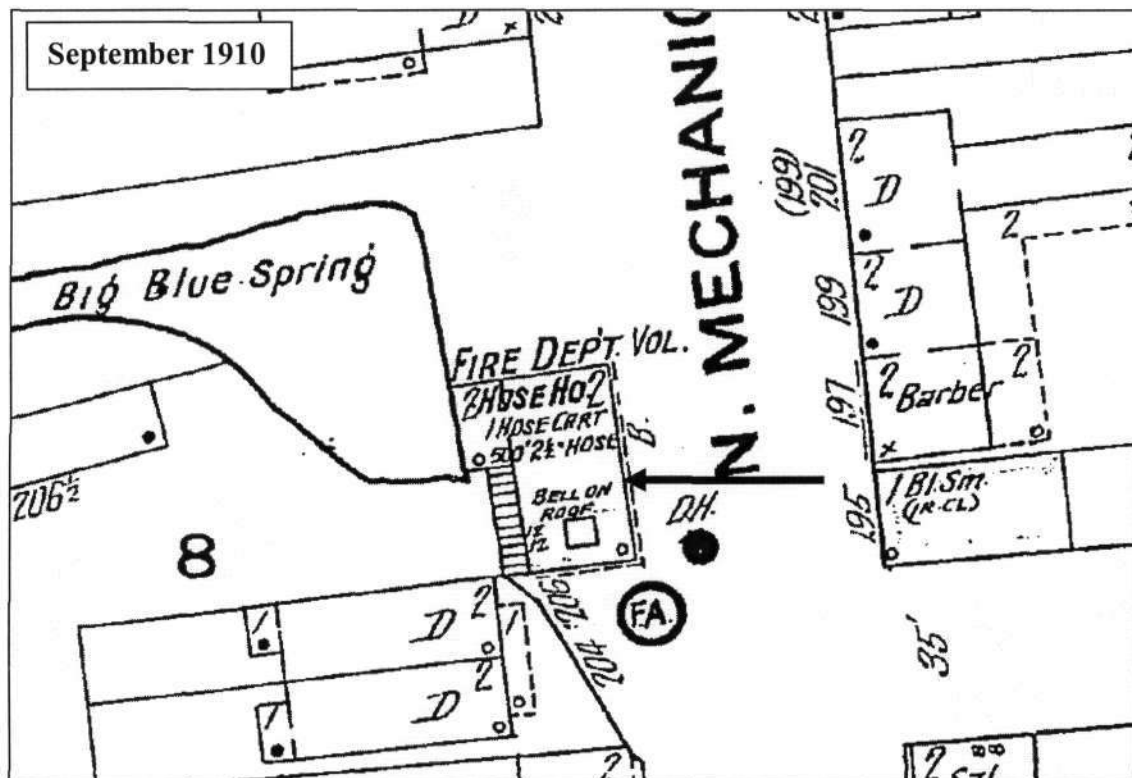
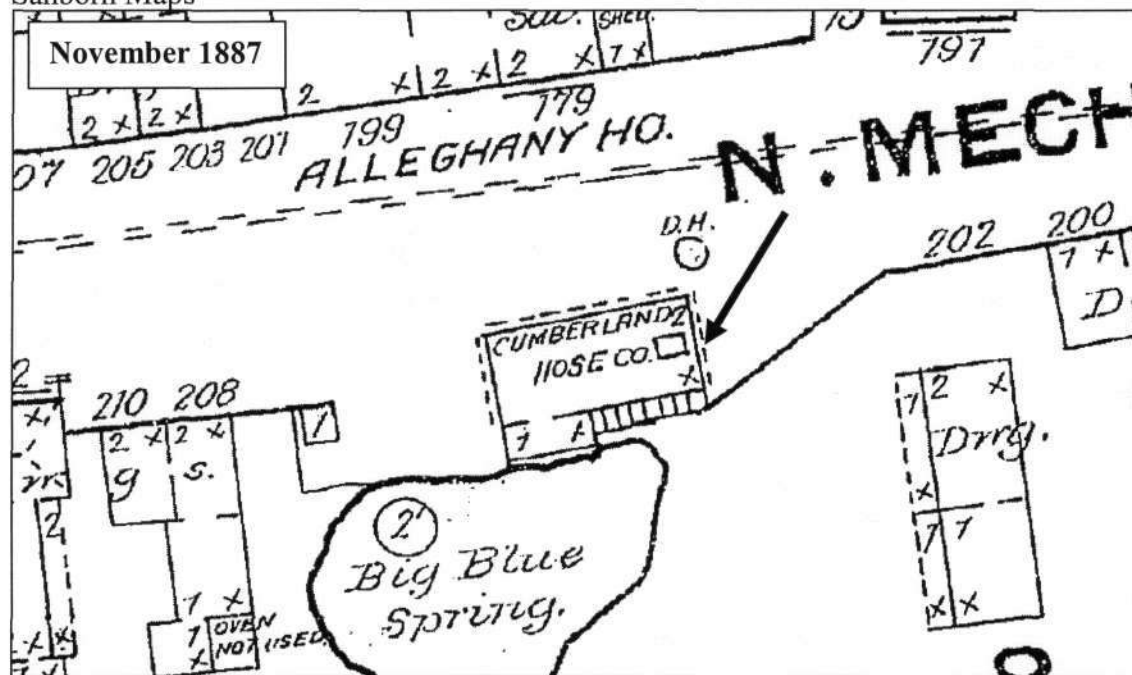
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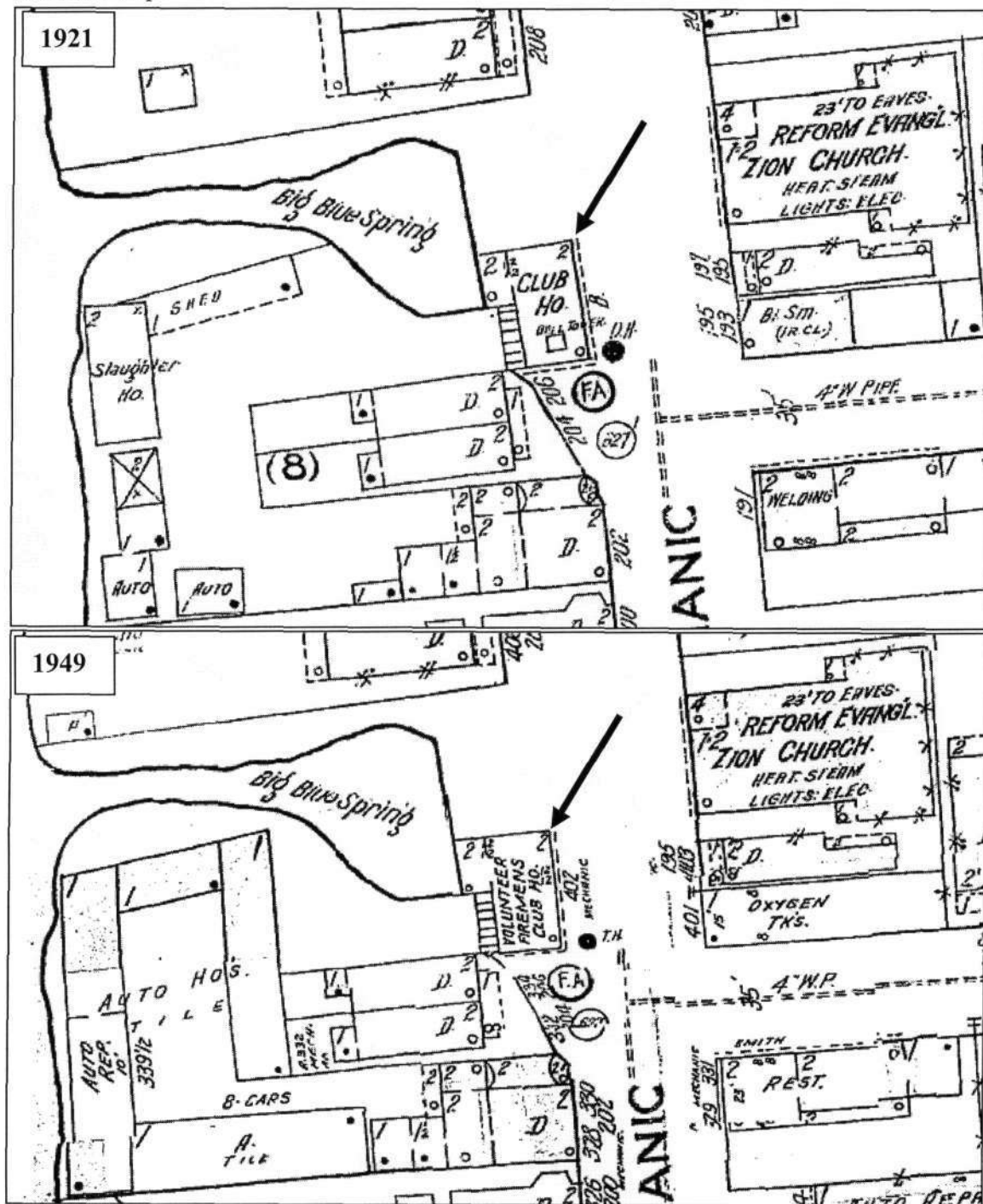
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Cumberland Quadrangle



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402 N. MECHANIC ST

CUMBERLAND, MD

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SOUTHWEST



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CANADA HOSE COMPANY  
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SOUTHEAST





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CUMBERLAND, MD

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NORTHEAST



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CANADA HOSE COMPANY

CUMBERLAND, North Mechanic St

WILLIAM J. PRATT

9/12/77

NORTH



CANADA

CANADA ROSE CO  
MECHANIC ST.

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